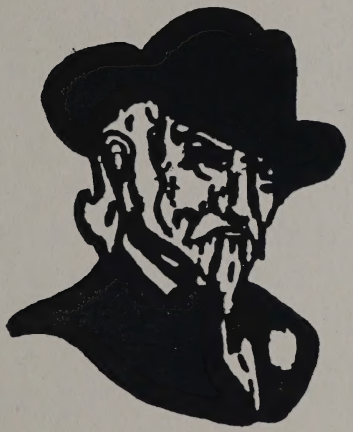
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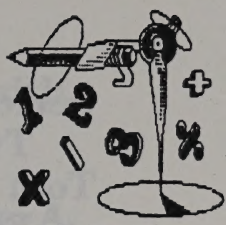
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Students who make the Honor Roll can have no grade lower than a B. The following students achieved that accomplishment for the first grading

period.

Twelfth grade: Bryan Earley, Melanie Justice, Tom Shaffer.

Eleventh grade: Anne Auvibulkit, Michael Cochran, Paul Hubbard.

Ninth grade: Chris Dickens, James Shacklette, Chris Simpson.

Eighth grade: Shawn Childers, Jayne McCombs, Thomas Minton, William Wolfe.

Seventh grade: Joshua Caplinger, Mary Davis.

Intermediate: Kevin Lowe, Melissa Saylor.

Primary: Carrie Abercrombie, Terry Anderson, Matthew Bailey, Jason Dowell, Kathy Garrett, and Virginia Salyer.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE STUDENTS

Twelfth grade: B. Earley, M. Justice, M. Mattingly, R. Morris, R. Roeper, T. Shaffer, P. Taylor

Eleventh grade: A. Auvibulkit, M. Cochran, J. Holley, P. Hubbard

Tenth grade: B. Bates, J. Chesser, T. Davis, J. Pearl, J. Saylor, C. Simmons, S. Taylor, K. Vormbrock

Ninth grade: S. Caldwell, M. Hardin, P. Hester, D. Hoskins, M. Jefferies, E. Jones, S. Meredith, K. Shake, K. Smith, M. Sorrell, D. Stacy

Eighth grade: V. Ayer, S. Childers, R. Fields, J. Keaton, J. Kenney, B. Mann, J. McCombs, T. Minton, L. Smith, W. Wolfe

Seventh grade: K. Hoskins, A. Katon, T. Smith, C. Turner

Sixth grade: J. Gregory, J. Hovel, J. Jude

Intermediate: W. Fields, J. Kaelin, K. Lowe, A. Parsons, J. Sparrow, F. Stewart

Primary: C. Abercrombie, A. Baker, S. Campbell, J. Dowell, T. Martin, Joshua Morris, K. Patton, J. Rouse, V. Salyer, P.L. Thomas

ACTIVITIES CELEBRATE SESQUICENTENNIAL BIRTHDAY

On Monday, September 30, all students and staff went for a steamboat ride on the Ohio River. This was part of the celebration of Transportation Month and the 150th birthday of KSB.

At about 11:00 we boarded the RIVER QUEEN which is docked in Jeffersonville, Indiana, for a fun-filled, exciting cruise. After shoving off, Dr. Tom Owens, a professor from the University of Louisville, began telling us the history of the river and interesting things about the Indiana and Kentucky shores of the Ohio River.

The RIVER QUEEN is a three-level boat. Two levels are indoors with tables and snack bar for drinks and snacks. The other floor, the very top of the boat, is open and you can stand up there and look around. You can even take your refreshments up there, sit around tables, and enjoy them in the

nice calm atmosphere of the river.

We saw the BELLE OF LOUISVILLE pass us and we turned around near the Louisville Fountain. We were very near the Falls of the Ohio at that point.

The cruise ended about 1:00 and we headed back to KSB after enjoying a great ride up and down the northern border of Kentucky.

As part of the 150th birthday celebrations, KSB students and staff observed Transportation Day on Tuesday, October 8. Students experienced different means of transporting people and goods. During this day, all students examined a semi- truck cab, traveled on a mini-bus to the Peterson-Dumesnil House in Crescent Hill for a horse and carriage ride, hiked around campus, rode a variety of bikes including two-seater tandem bikes, and skated on skateboards. The younger children rode wagons and Hot-Wheels. High and middle schoolers had the privilege of driving golf carts in the circle in front of Howser Hall. Students enjoyed a picnic lunch outside of the Food Service Center.

On Monday, October 21, students and staff experienced another means of transportation--a train ride. This was a first for many students and staff. We rode buses to New Haven which is near Bardstown where we visited the Kentucky Railway Museum. Then we boarded the train for an eleven mile round trip to Boston. Later we enjoyed picnic

lunches at My Old Kentucky Home State Park in Bardstown.

A big thanks goes to Mrs. Hicks for arranging this trip with the Railway Museum for us.

Students shared these viewpoints on the transportation activities.

On Monday, September 30, everyone at school got to take a ride on the RIVER QUEEN. Most of us had a great time. A lot of my friends and I sat at a table on the second deck. It was a little crowded, but we managed to squeeze in everyone.

It started out with just Mary Beth, Shawn, Traci, and me. Then Jayne and Vivian came and pulled up chairs, and then Marsh came and pulled up another chair. By the time lunch came, there were seven or eight people sitting at our table.--Angie Katon

RIVER QUEEN
by Renee Fields

R--Rough I--Interesting V--Vigorous E--Eventful R--Revealing Q--Quick U--Under us E--Eating E--Educational N--Nice

RIVER QUEEN
by Shawn Smith

R--Rough I--Inviting V--Very relaxed E--Exciting

R--Red Q--Quiet U--Unique E--bluE E--whitE N--Nice trip

RIVER QUEEN
by Vivian Ayer

R--Radio playing I--Independent V--Vivacious E--Entertaining R--Radical Q--Quiet U--Underneath the top floor E--Excellent E--Exciting N--Nice ride

I had a good time on the RIVER QUEEN. First I was on the lower deck where I could feel the vibrations. Then I went on the middle deck and found a seat. Then I went where the captain was and called my grandmother. I got to use a cellular phone. I felt my cane hit a step going down, so I waited. I had a good time otherwise.--Joshua Caplinger

The boat ride was neat and fun. I liked looking over the side. The captain was nice. My favorite part of the trip was lunch. I liked to listen to the story of the Ohio River. The ship was neat and I had a lot of fun. Hope you did.-- Marsh Smith

I thought the trip was pretty neat, but I'd rather ride on the BELLE OF LOUISVILLE, but the RIVER QUEEN was all right, not because we got out of school, but I just enjoyed the trip. It would have been better if they had played some music,

but the professor talking was educational. It also gave you a chance to see how one form of transportation was a long time ago. It was both educational and fun.--Charlie Turner

I think it was fun on the train. First I rode a pretty decent sounding bus to New Haven, Kentucky. It took a long time to get there. Then we rode the train. The steam train was not in service so we rode the diesel train. --Joshua Caplinger

KSB students and staff thank the Charitable Foundation for making possible all the transportation activities.

JUNIOR OLYMPICS--A SMASHING SUCCESS

October 16 was a warm, beautiful day when over 200 students from four states came to KSB to celebrate Junior Olympics. Over 200 adults and high school students also helped run the track and field events and share in refreshments and awards. Elementary and middle school students from Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, and Tennessee participated successfully in all events. Jerry Ennis and Ricky Ricks planned and organized the day's activities.

KSB thanks the many people who sponsored and

helped to make Junior Olympics again a tremendous activity. The shirts with school colors, hats, treats, and refreshments were great!

Some of the individuals and sponsors involved in putting on Junior Olympics are Convenient\Dairy Mart, Bill Roby, Citizens Fidelity Bank, Rev. Bob Williams, Barrett Traditional Middle School, Keebler Cookie Co., Royal Crown Cola, Dolly Madison Co., CFM Distributors, Frito Lay Co., Eastwood Girl Clowns, Louisville Police Dept., Hostess Cake Co., Robin Cummings from Vermont American Tool Co., and Mayor Jerry Abramson.

NEW DORM CONSTRUCTION IN THE FUTURE

People in charge of construction of the new dormitory on KSB's campus say it will begin near the end of the summer of 1992 or the beginning of the 1992 school year. Construction will last from one to one and a half years. Students living in Huntoon House will be moved over to Howser Hall. Huntoon House will be torn down and the new building will be erected in that area extending up to the present playground. The playground will be moved to another location. Patton Cottage will also be torn down.

The new dormitory will contain four student units, four independent units, a radio station, and

a concession area. The radio station and concession stand can be open all day. The Rec Center will then not house the radio station or concession stand.

The new dorm has not been named. Suggestions are welcome. Parking, instead of being in front, will be in the back of the new building. There will be more parking spaces. Everyone will be glad to hear this!

SPEAK UP STRESSES ASSERTIVENESS

KSB students and Jefferson County visually impaired students participated in an active day on the theme of appropriate assertiveness at KSB on Tuesday, October 22. Three more days of activities are planned for the school year on improving skills in expressing ourselves appropriately, organizing materials and possessions, using leisure time, and other related topics.

Mr. Hume and band students opened the day with music in the Food Service Center. Students divided into age groups--primary, intermediate, middle school, and high school--for large group discussions and small group activities. Teachers and aides from all schools involved accompanied students and participated in the learning experiences. Many skits, group discussions, and hands-on activities taught us how to make tough

situations we often find ourselves in easier to handle.

WHAT DID YOU GET OUT OF SPEAK UP?

Melanie Justice

On Tuesday, October 22, there was a workshop on assertiveness and organization presented to KSB and Jefferson County students. This workshop was very beneficial to me in a lot of different ways.

When we first met, we all separated into groups. All of the high school students went into the library to hear Ms. Ruconich speak about assertiveness. I liked what all she said, that just because we are blind or visually impaired, we do not have to be passive. That made me think. I know that a lot of times I don't stand up for what I believe in and I end up getting walked on.

After listening to Ms. Ruconich, we separated into smaller groups of about twelve. First we went to an assertiveness clinic; we were given examples of situations and asked to respond with the assertive, aggressive, and passive responses.

One situation was a girl who was in class and couldn't see what her teacher was writing on the chalkboard. We were to give the girl's three types of responses. Since this has happened to me at times, I thought of the passive and aggressive

answers quickly.

When we were finished with discussions and skits, we went to three different organizational workshops. The first one I went to was one on different notebooks and folders you can use for school or leisure. Most of the things shown I had already seen, but it gave me some new ideas. For instance, I might be more comfortable using a notebook that is bound at the top than at the side.

Next I went to a session on organizing a desk drawer. This was a neat experience for me, because I got many new hints and ideas to keep my desk neat and organized. I learned how to use different boxes for paper clip holders, magazine holders, etc. I got the idea of using a silverware container to organize various small things. The new little invention that I liked the most was to take a manila envelope and cut the clip side out in the shape of a triangle. Then take the flap and tack it on the wall. This can be used as a clean paper holder.

The last workshop was one about bags to carry different belongings in. It is amazing how many different bags are available--all sizes, styles, and colors.

I really enjoyed myself Tuesday. All the teachers were great--very informative and fun.

THREE STAFF MEMBERS TO BE HONORED

Students and staff will officially say good-by to three departing staff members--Mrs. Bernadine Baker, Ms. Brenda Osborn, and Mrs. Louella Clark--on Monday, November 18.

Mrs. Baker who retired from KSB on September 30 began working at the school in August of 1964.She was Housekeeping Supervisor at the time of her retirement. Mrs. Baker has always taken great pride in the clean, attractive appearance of KSB's buildings. We appreciate her dedication to the school for twenty-seven years, and we wish her good health and happy retirement days.

Mrs. Clark resigned from her teaching position here to become an itinerant vision teacher in Owen County in northern Kentucky where she is now living. Mrs. Clark had taught 21 years in the elementary grades. She is known and loved for her good cooking, gentle ways with children and plants, and her wonderful down-home sayings and sense of humor. We miss Mrs. Clark and wish her great happiness in her new work.

Ms. Brenda Osborn resigned as a houseparent in June of 1991 after working at KSB for five and a half years. She worked in the Dormitory Program that entire time. Ms. Osborn spent long

hours working on skills leading towards independence with students. Students miss Ms. Osborn in the dormitory, and we wish her much happiness.

RECIPES IN DEMAND

Students in journalism and keyboarding are busy with two large projects. A student directory with names, addresses, and phone numbers will soon be published in large print and braille. Keyboarding students are putting dozens of great sounding recipes on disks for the KSB cookbook. After working on the recipes, they leave class starving!

We appreciate the response from parents, students,alumni, and staff in bringing in recipes. We can still use more--your family's favorites or traditional dishes. This is going to be a KSB treasure because YOU are creating it. Keep those recipes coming in!

SENIORS AND JUNIORS TOUR WASHINGTON, D.C.

On Saturday, November 2, twenty-five seniors,juniors, and staff members studied American history first-hand as they toured Washington, D.C. The group left Louisville with its

temperature in the thirties at 7:30 aboard USAir and arrived in Washington an hour later to warm, sunny sixty degree weather. Bus driver and tour guide "Uncle Bob" Irber met the group at the airport and led them through a busy, informative tour of the nation's capital.

At Arlington Cemetery the group observed the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Margaret Mattingly and Melanie Justice placed a wreath of white carnations at the tomb as a part of this impressive ceremony.

At Ford Theater, a guide explained the series of events surrounding Lincoln's assassination in that building and the group entered the actual balcony box where President Lincoln sat when he was shot. The group then toured the house across the street where he died.

Lunch at the McDonald's golden arches revived spirits and the tour then continued to the National Science Museum of the Smithsonian Institute. The group next headed to the Capitol Building, the Lincoln Memorial, the Vietnam Memorial, and the Einstein Memorial. As darkness fell, the white buildings of Washington were more impressive than ever.

No trip to Washington is complete without souvenirs and the group had an opportunity to buy hats, shirts, mugs, etc., at a souvenir warehouse.

A quick bus ride around the White House, Washington Monument, and various Federal Buildings ended at the airport with boarding for the flight home.

Everyone agreed that the flights, the beautiful fall day, Uncle Bob's interesting descriptions, and the personal experience of being in touch with history past and present were unforgettable.

1991-92 CLASS OFFICERS AND SPONSORS

Twelfth Grade
President: Margaret Mattingly
Vice-president: Melanie Justice
Secretary: Phillip Taylor
Treasurer: Tom Shaffer
Sergeant-at-arms: Bryan Earley
Student Council Representative: Margaret Mattingly
Sponsors: Mr. Mills and Mrs. Swerbinsky

Eleventh Grade
President: Earl Hart
Vice-president: Glenda McCarty
Secretary: Anne Auvibulkit
Treasurer: Michael Cochran
Student Council Representative: Earl Hart
Sponsors: Mr. Mann, Mr. Jones and Mr. Pestel

Tenth Grade
President: Timmy Davis
Vice-president: Johnny Saylor
Secretary: Joyce Chesser
Treasurer: Chris Simmons
Student Council Representative: Johnny Saylor
Sponsors: Mrs. Ritchie and Mrs. Scoggins

Ninth Grade
President: Kelly Phelps
Vice-president: Kenneth Shake
Secretary: Virginia Karr
Treasurer: Judith Partin
Sergeant-at-arms: Joshua Jeffery
Student Council Representative: Mark Hardin
Sponsors: Mrs. McGruder and Ms. Weston

Eighth Grade
President--Jayne McCombs
Vice-president--Laylah Smith
Secretary--Vivian Ayer
Treasurer--Shawn Smith
Sergeant-at-arms--Jason Keaton
Student Council Representative: Laylah Smith
Sponsors: Mrs. Creasy and Mrs. Burrus

EARL HART ATTENDS FHA CLUSTER MEETING

Junior Earl Hart attended a FutureHomemakersof America Cluster Meeting

in Charlotte, North Carolina, on November 1--3. Earl is president of the Lyndon Technical Center FHA Chapter. Earl is in his first year of studying food service at Lyndon. At Charlotte Earl participated in workshops on the themes of success, financial fitness, public speaking, international friendships, and games of the Nineties.



WELCOME TO KSB

KSB welcomes many new students this fall. We are happy to spotlight these newcomers to our school.

Matthew Bailey is four years old and is in kindergarten. His birthday is September 27. He likes to play in school and outside with boys. He has a brother and a new baby sister. Matthew lives in Wallins in Harlan County.

Terry Anderson is six years old and he lives in Louisville. Terry is also in kindergarten. His favorite thing to do is to watch T.V. and his favorite show is "The Simpsons" with Bart being his favorite character. Terry likes school where he enjoys playing. He has one brother.

Arnold Baker is a five-year-old kindergartener. He lives in Barbourville. His birthday is February 13, 1986, and he loves to play and to watch cartoons on T.V. In school he also enjoys play time. He has an older sister whose name is Donna.

John Rouse, a first grader who is six years old, is from Covington. John was at KSB for a few weeks last spring. He enjoys watching cartoons, and he tells us that he likes Ms. Morrison.

Kathy Garrett is seven years old and in the second grade. Living in Owensboro, she attended Fast Elementary in Daviess County. She also attended KSB for two summer school sessions. Her first impression was that it was going to be fun going to school here. She likes art, math, music, and physical education. Her favorite things at KSB are getting to stay in the dorm and talking to other kids.

Virginia Salyer is also seven years old and entering the second grade. She is from Martha which is in Lawrence County. Virginia likes cartoons, especially the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. She has a one-year-old brother at home. She especially enjoys art and gym classes.

Cynthia (Cindy) Jones has joined the fifth grade. She is from Monticello and she has attended two summer school sessions at KSB. She enjoys physical education classes.

Charles Turner, a thirteen-year-old seventh grader from Breathitt County, is currently attending KSB. His former school was Sebastian Middle School. Charlie said that the reason he came to KSB was that there are more things that can help him with his school work. Some of Charlie's hobbies are playing music and football. Charlie's first impression of KSB was that the place seemed to be all right. So far he likes sports

here the most.

Josie Kenney, an eighth grader who is fourteen, is from Hardinsburg in Breckinridge County. She came to KSB from Hardinsburg Elementary and she said she decided to come to KSB after summer school. Josie spends her free time reading, collecting rocks, and knitting. At first she was not sure about school, but now she's beginning to like it, especially science.

This is also Mark Hardin's first year at KSB. Mark is fourteen and he previously attended Thomas Jefferson Middle School in Jefferson County. Mark lives in Louisville and he stays in the dorm. His hobbies are swimming, diving, listening to music, and watching movies. Mark wants to fit in at KSB and make friends. His favorite academic subject is Algebra 1.

Melissa Jefferies, a ninth grader who is fourteen, is from Shelbyville. She came from East Middle School and she said that her parents wanted her to come to KSB to get prepared for life. Melissa said that school was O.K. and that she especially enjoys swimming, basketball, and math.

This is Joshua Jeffery's first year at KSB. He is fifteen and is in the ninth grade. He previously attended Johnson Middle School in Louisville. Joshua is a day student. His main hobby is playing classical guitar. He chose to come to KSB

for the activities and classes. On the first day of school, he was a little nervous, but now he feels a little more relaxed with the atmosphere. What he likes best is the friendliness of kids towards him. After high school, Joshua wants to be a studio guitar player.

Virginia (Jenny) Karr, a fifteen-year-old freshman, is from Shepherdsville in Bullitt County. Before coming to KSB, she attended Bullitt County High School. She attended a summer enrichment session and decided to come to KSB. Jenny says that when she came here, she was scared at first because she didn't want to leave home. Jenny's pastimes include swimming and playing pool. Her favorite class is keyboarding.

Judith Partin, a fourteen-year-old freshmen, is from Middlesboro in Bell County. Before coming here, she attended Middlesboro Middle School. When asked about her first impression of KSB, she said, "I like it, but it's not home." Judith came to KSB to learn how to be independent. She says, "KSB has taught me how to speak up for myself." Her favorite class is journalism. Here at KSB, Judith has the same pastimes as at home. These include reading, listening to music, and being with friends.

Brian Bates is an eighteen-year-old sophomore from Floyd County. He attended Wheelwright High School before he came to KSB. Brian said

that this is the best place for him to be now. He plans to graduate and to get a good job. Brian has a part-time job on Saturdays, guarding mining equipment. In his spare time, Brian likes to ride dirt bikes and to play basketball. His favorite class is ceramics.



Nikki Saylor joins not only the Primary Class but also her older brother Johnny and sister Melissa at KSB. Nikki is from Baxter in eastern Kentucky.

Amanda Sharp from Oldham County has entered the tenth grade class recently. She is enjoying the small classes and making new friends at KSB.

The Junior Class welcomes Stephanie Hallum from Henderson County. Stephanie previously attended the Kentucky School for the Deaf. She is joining the cheerleading squad and she was elected by the juniors to represent them in the Homecoming Court.

Patrick Harris is a senior from Lawrenceburg. Patrick was attending Anderson County High School at the time he was seriously injured in an automobile accident. Patrick attended summer school at KSB before deciding to come here for his senior year. Pat enjoys music greatly; chorus is his favorite class.

LETTER WRITER RECEIVES CELEBRITY REPLY

Middle school students wrote letters to famous people of their choice in September. Letters went to such notable names as Madonna, President Bush, Dolly Parton, Arnold Schwarzeneggar, Randy Travis, Charley Daniels, Paula Abdul, Joe Montana, Bill Cosby, Ronnie Milsap, and many others.

Shawn Smith was pleased to receive an autographed picture of the Terminator himself, Arnold Schwarzeneggar.

William Wolfe was very happy to receive an autographed letter and an encouraging letter from Randy Travis. William shares the following lines from that letter: "I am honored that you chose me to write to for your class project. As you might know, I did not finish school, so every chance I get, I try to impress upon the kids of today how important it is to get a good education."

All right, Randy Travis!

WHAT DO WE WATCH MOST?

The fourth period Journalism Class ran a survey

of twenty students, asking them their favorite television programs. The most watched show was BEVERLY HILLS 90210. Coming in a close second was THE SIMPSONS.

However, the least favorite show named was also THE SIMPSONS. That's the interesting thing about surveys! The second least favorite show was KNOTS LANDING.

Other favorite programs mentioned were McGYVER, RESCUE 911, and FUNNIEST HOME VIDEOS. Least favorites named were PERRY MASON and TRUE COLOR.

TAYLORSVILLE LAKE TRIP A BLAST

On September 15, the Recreation Department took some students who were on campus after participating in the track meet to Taylorsville Lake. Students enjoying this activity were Kelly Phelps, Kenneth Shake, Johnny Saylor, Laylah Smith, Kevin Smith, Jody Smith, Timmy Davis, Vivian Ayer, Jenny Karr, Charlie Turner, Paul Hubbard, David Hoskins, Brian Bates, and Eddie Jones. The chaperone for the trip was Jerry Ennis.

After lunch, students enjoyed card games, trivia games, swimming, and water skiing. While swimming, most of the students played a game called "Chicken." The way to play this game is one

person stands on his feet while holding another person on his shoulders. The object of the game is to try and to knock the top person off her partner's shoulders. The two undefeated people were Laylah Smith and Timmy Davis. Everyone agreed that this was a great trip and they all enjoyed themselves.

MY FEAST AWAY
Judith Partin

While I was away from September 21-29, I went to Florida to attend the Feast of Tabernacles sponsored by the Worldwide Church of God. The Feast pictures the millenium which is a thousand year reign with Jesus Christ. The Feast of Tabernacles is one of seven feasts.

In Florida I stayed in a beach house on Navarre Beach. We crossed a toll bridge every morning to go to services in the Civic Center in Pensacola. There we listened to sermons.

After services, we went to the beach. We stayed there for two hours and then went to find restaurants such as Benningens and Steak and Ale.

All in all, it was an experience I'll never forget.

MY FAVORITE DR. SEUSS BOOK

Everyone was saddened when Theodor Seuss Geisel died this fall. Many of us have loved Dr. Seuss books with their rhymes and outrageous characters. The following people shared their favorites with us.

The CAT IN THE HAT is my favorite because that cat does all kinds of neat things like balancing things on his head and jumping around. Everything he does turns out wrong. It's funny.--Michael Cleveland

William Wolfe agreed that the CAT IN THE HAT helped him get to sleep as a child. Joshua Jeffery and Thomas Minton also preferred this book. Mrs. Burrus also chose the CAT, but she admitted that it didn't make sense to her.

Chris Brooks liked the crazy characters in HORTON HEARS A WHO.

Mrs. McGruder loved the rhyming tongue twisters in FOX IN SOCKS.

Marsh Smith liked HOP ON POP as well as the CAT books. He said that he read them over and over when he was little.

Mrs. Hicks loved HOW THE GRINCH STOLE CHRISTMAS because it's a great classic Christmas story of how the spirit of Christmas can change a person's attitudes. Mrs. Ritchie also liked this

book because it's a cute story with a happy ending. Farmer Brock liked that this book showed someone else's view of Christmas.

Mrs. Fisher liked THE CAT IN THE HAT because she enjoyed reading it to her first granddaughter who loved it so much.

GREEN EGGS AND HAM is my favorite. I like this book because of the funny way it's written. The lines rhyme in a sort of silly say.--Kevin Lowe

Ms. Farrell agrees that GREEN EGGS AND HAM is a favorite because of its wonderful rhymes and she loved it as a child. Mrs. Stivers also chose this book because we all think we don't like certain things, but if we try something new, we may change our minds.

Charlie Turner remembered the rhyme "There's a wocket in my pocket" and the little round creatures with stars on their tummies. Charlie also wrote these memories: "My memories of Dr. Seuss are especially of the GRINCH and the CAT IN THE HAT. I like watching THE GRINCH WHO STOLE CHRISTMAS with my family around Christmas time. I also liked reading the book. THE CAT IN THE HAT is another of my favorites because I thought the cat looked wild in that big, tall, striped hat. I also liked to see what kind of trouble he got into next. I always loved watching Dr. Seuss' cartoons or reading his books. Dr. Seuss

was a great author and there are good books to prove it."

Thank you for sharing your ideas and 'Thank you, thank you, Sam I am."

SENIOR SPOTLIGHTS

PHILIP TAYLOR

Philip Taylor, born in Louisville, is from Summersville in Green County. He has been at KSB for thirteen years. After graduation, Philip plans to go to Thailand for a visit and then he plans to attend Western Kentucky University.

Philip's pastimes are playing his saxophone and watching karate movies, especially Jean Claude Van Dam karate movies.

Philip is president of the Senior Class and he has been class president for all four high school years. Philip worked in the Rec Center repairing roller skates. He has often been on the Honor Roll, received Most Improved in Wrestling in 1989 and was Most Outstanding in the Red and White Tournament in his eighth grade year. He has taken half-day courses off-campus for several years and he has lived in the Adult Living Independent Dorm Program for his junior and senior years.

Philip was honored to represent KSB at the Governor's Annual Equal Employment Opportunity Conference (EEOC) in Lexington in September.

Philip stated that he feels time is moving too fast; sports seasons and activities used to be too slow, but now they are all flying by. Philip's advice to underclassmen is to think positively about themselves, no matter what happens.

Good luck to you, Philip Taylor!

MELANIE JUSTICE

Melanie Justice, a seventeen-year-old senior, will be glad to graduate. She says that she knows it will be sad to leave her friends, but it will be great to get out into the "real world."

Melanie came to KSB last year in second semester from Jefferson County where she lives. Her most memorable experience thus far at KSB was being on the swim team. She thanks Mrs. Johnson for all her help.

Melanie was on this year's track team and is enjoying being in the Independent Living Program. She is vice- president of the Senior Class and has been on the Honor Roll several times. Her senior job is working at the Kentucky Industries for the Blind.

Melanie loves to read and write. She enjoys being with friends and making new friends. Her goal is to go to college and eventually to become a psychiatrist. She admits that this will be tough, but she is determined and has tremendous will-power. Melanie's advice to underclassmen is to be honest in everything you do.

Melanie, we're glad you came to KSB and we wish you great success!

MARGARET MATTINGLY

Margaret Mattingly, a nineteen-year-old senior from Bullitt County, has been at KSB for thirteen years. Margaret's plans after graduation are to get a job and to get out on her own. Some of her hobbies are swimming, cheerleading, listening to the radio, and spending time with her friends and boyfriend.

Margaret has received awards in swimming, cheerleading, and track. She has received Most Outstanding twice in track and swimming and Most Improved in swimming and cheerleading.

Last year Margaret was on the Honor Roll for five of the six grading periods. The student jobs that Margaret has held are working in the Recreation Center and popping popcorn at the American Printing House for the Blind.

Currently Margaret is taking health occupations at Lyndon Technical Center and she is working as a nurse's aide at Baptist East Hospital on her senior job.

Margaret's most memorable experiences at KSB are going on the trips, meeting new people, and receiving awards in swimming and track.

Margaret feels good in some ways about graduation and bad in others. She says that she feels bad about leaving her friends and her second home. She leaves KSB with some great advice for underclassmen. Her advice is to have fun while you can, to get good grades, to stay in school, and be sure to graduate.

Maggie, we will miss your giggles and smiles! Good luck!



ALUMNI MEMORIES OF KSB SCHOOL DAYS

As KSB celebrates its sesquicentennial (150th) year, THE KENTUCKY COLONEL will be interviewing alumni members for their memories of school days past. We are happy to share three interviews with Carole Jones, Adam Ruschival, and Dwayne Moore in this edition.

Carole Jones

NOTE: Mrs. Jones spoke on September 19 as a representative of the Alumni Association as KSB recognized the September theme of "The Family."

I first entered school on September 14, 1938, and it was quite an experience, leaving home at such an early age, knowing I would be away from my home and parents for nine months. At that time, roads were not good in many parts of the state and most of the students lived in rural areas. Too, most families didn't own an automobile. So we came to school around Labor Day and stayed, throughout the holidays, until early June.

You can imagine how excited we were when in May at a special "chapel call," we were told of the day and the arrangements for our return home. It

was wonderful to once again be with our families for we received lots of special attention because we had been away for so long. But, along about the middle of August, we discovered that we had begun to want to see our school family once again.

The definition of "family" is "parents and children and/or relatives." I know you'll pardon this little pun, but relatives can be "relative." For two-thirds of every year, from the time we reached school age, and throughout most of our teenage years, we played, ate, and attended classes every day together; growing nearly as close as a family.

Now the second weekend in June is our family reunion, the Alumni Weekend. However, you know a family isn't made up of older members only. As you graduate, become young adults, and separate to begin to make your own personal dreams happen, you will discover that you will wonder, from time to time, how certain friends are getting along. That's when you will recognize how important our "family reunions/Alumni Weekends" are. For the Alumni Association is YOURS. We need YOUR energy. We need YOUR new ideas. Every June, with anticipation, we wonder how many former students will return.

The Alumni cannot GROW without YOU. Nor, it cannot even GO without YOU.

ADAM RUSCHIVAL

Joyce Chesser interviewed Mr. Ruschival for this alumni article. Mr. Ruschival is the supervisor of the Kentucky Instructional Materials Resource Center (KIMRC) located on the KSB campus.

Adam Ruschival attended school here at KSB from 1955 to his graduation in 1965. He attended kindergarten and a sightsaving class in the first grade at a public school.

Adam said that when he was a KSB student, all the classes were housed in one building except gym, which was held in what is our Rec Building now. The classes were held in the old Costigan Building which was on the site of the Richie Building. This was a building with big halls, gigantic wide staircases, an auditorium, a big shop area, and a band room. If an assembly was being held, the boys were put on one side of the auditorium with the girls on the other. This happened until Adam was in high school. A lot of people were in band then. It was concert-type band with brass instruments including tubas, trumpets, trombones, etc.

Today we have a public school program for visually impaired students, and then they did not.

Finally, a big difference was that students residing here did not go home every weekend. The times they went home were Thanksgiving,

Christmas, and Spring Break. They would go home for summer vacation at the end of the school year.

The Costigan Building holds many memories for Adam. All classes were held there until 1964, when the school moved into the Scoggan Building (Classroom Building). The top two floors of the Costigan Building were condemned because they were in such bad shape. The wood was rotten with some rooms having no floors, just rafters. If someone were to step off accidentally, he could fall about twenty feet to the next floor. The ceilings were about twenty feet high and everything was made of wood, concrete, or brick. The walls of the building were a foot to eighteen inches thick. The building was large, massive with a peak of cupola at the top. Students against the rules went up inside the peak which was kept locked. This was also rotten. Adam says he was never lucky enough to go inside. Lots of the students who went up did it just to say they did.

There was a boys' side and girls' side of the building. To change books, students would go to their side of the building and get them off the shelves instead of lockers as we have today. The restrooms were also on opposite sides of the building. This was so until the move to the Scoggan Building. The Costigan Building also had a big wide set of concrete steps leading to the main front door. To reach the door, you would climb a series of eight to ten steps. Then you would reach

a flat area about eight feet wide. You would go up another set of steps, cross another flat area, then go up one more set. The flagpole that is out in front of the Food Service Building was also used then. It was then behind the Costigan Building. In front of the Costigan Building there were two large fire escapes which were in two cylinders. These fire escapes were sliding fire escapes so that if you went out the fire door to the escape, you would side on the slides and go around and around like a sliding board. At the time Adam was in school, they were not really used. Pigeons occupied them and they were also rusty. Students liked to play in them to show it could be done. There was also a dirt floor basement which was used for storage. There were lots of broken things, trash, and unused things stored there. This basement cellar could have been a great place in the case of a tornado because it was big and the walls were thick.

Behind the Costigan Building lay a large black-top area which went from behind the building to the front of the old gym, now the Rec Center. This black-top area was used for walking or playing games.

A routine school day at KSB started around 7:45 or 8:00 with class periods of fifty minutes and ten minutes between each class. About four classes would meet before lunch which from forty-five to fifty minutes long. After lunch would come three

more classes and then an activity period from 3:00-5:00. This activity period mainly happened when Adam was in high school. Students could use this period for band practice, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, athletics, or whatever. Though this was not a class, students were required to be involved. Adam mostly took advantage of this time for wrestling practice or band.

Track season was held in the spring, not the fall, and there was no track team for girls. The only two sports offered were track and wrestling. KSB had no swimming pool; therefore there was no swimming. As far as girls' athletics, there was only cheerleading.

Breakfast would be served around 7:00 A.M., lunch at 12:00 noon, and supper at 5:00 P.M. After supper came free time. During this time, students could watch television or do homework. Younger students went to bed at 8:00 P.M. and older students at 10:00. Adam was not a residential student, though he was a day student, Adam was required to stay after school for the activity period.

Some special memories for Adam were being involved in wrestling and winning the state tournament in his weight class as a senior. This was a special memory because the same guy had wrestled with Adam in the finals of the state tournament for three years. In the first year,

Adam beat him; in the second, he beat Adam; but in year number three, Adam made a come-back and beat him by one point. This third year was Adam's senior year and he beat his opponent with eleven seconds remaining in the match.

Another fond memory was band. His teacher's name was Mr. Otis Eads. Mr. Eads retired the first year Adam was in band, grade six. There was a very good band at that time with about twenty-six participants. There was always a concert at the end of the year which Adam enjoyed. He's happy he got the opportunity to be in a band.

Adam says the school is important to him because he got a good education as well as many important good friends in the various activities in which he participated. In college he used the school as a resource using others here after college for references for jobs. Adam has always kept in touch with the school and been active with the alumni association. He's proud to have been a graduate of the school. What means the most to Adam from the school are the people he has met, both as a student and alumni.

DWAYNE MOORE

Dwayne Moore, houseparent in Huntoon Down, shared his KSB memories with Johnny Saylor.

Dwayne Moore attended KSB from 1972 until he graduated in 1982. He said that the school schedule was the same except they didn't have the amount of free time we do now. They would get up, clean their rooms, go to breakfast, and get ready for school. Then after school, Dwayne said that they went straight to sports practice. After supper, instead of having study hour, they had a study hall and if you had homework, you would go to the library in the Classroom Building until you finished it.

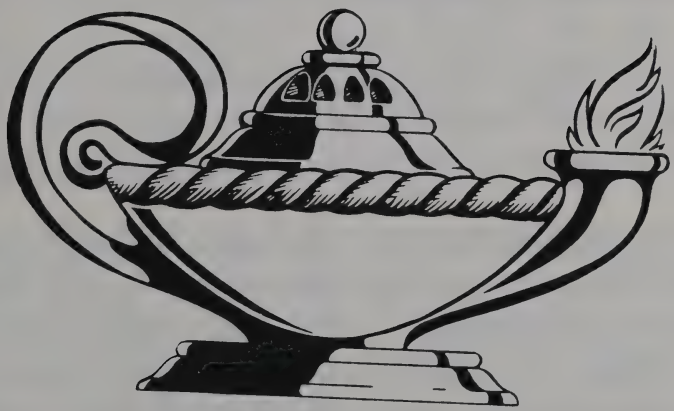
Dwayne's special memories are of the people who worked here. Mr. Howard was one. Dwayne said that Mr. Howard was one of the staff who really cared about the students. Another was Mrs. Frye, the librarian who encouraged Dwayne's reading. He also appreciated Mrs. Keith, the nurse. He said that she would get to know you and your medical history very well.

When Dwayne came to KSB, it meant a lot to him. He would be able to graduate from high school, and if he had stayed in eastern Kentucky, he wouldn't have received a good education then. Dwayne got to travel all over the United States, and at home, he wouldn't have been able to do that. He also got an offer to go to college, and again, he wouldn't have been offered that at home.

In Dwayne's years at KSB, he didn't have mall trips, movie trips, or the good recreation facilities

like we have now. Then the gym would be open occasionally for basketball or swimming.

This is Dwayne Moore's input on KSB during 1972-1982.



EDITORIAL COMMENTS BY STUDENTS

THE KENTUCKY COLONEL invites students to express their viewpoints on issues of importance to all of us.

THE ENVIRONMENT
Joyce Chesser

The world has lots of problems, but one of the biggest is the pollution of the environment. It seems as if we're just letting the earth be destroyed, and some of us don't even care. But we must stop and realize that it's not only our lives that are affected but also our future generations'.

One problem is we are destroying the ozone layer, a layer that protects us from the most harmful rays of the sun. If these rays were to reach us, we could get skin cancer, for just one example of a consequence. The ozone layer is important to life because it is largely made up of oxygen which we all need to live.

There are ways we can help save the earth. We can recycle recycable products such as cans, waste paper, and plastic. If it's not enough to know you're helping others as well as yourself, think of the money involved.

We can also do other things such as not leave electrical appliances on when we leave a room and not use so many aerosol sprays like certain types of hair sprays and Lysol. Not littering the streets and throwing our garbage into lakes are also good things to do. When we throw our garbage in lakes, rivers, ponds or streams, we are not only polluting the environment, but we are also killing animals.

Smoking is something a lot of us have a tendency to do. This not only pollutes the environment, but it's not healthy for the body. It can cause diseases such as influenza and cancer.

Instead of taking our cars everywhere we go, we could have carpools or if possible, we could walk to our destination.

I hope we will all take into consideration the earth and the people who will come after us. If you've never started caring about the earth, it's not too late, but if we want our goal to be successful, we'd best start doing all we can now.

TRACK SIGN-UPS FOR 1991

On August 26, 1991, boys and girls in grades seven through twelve signed up for track. Boys who went out were Bryan Earley, Michael Cochran, Earl Hart, Paul Hubbard, Brian Bates, Johnny Saylor, Chris Simmons, Jody Smith, Kenny Vormbrock, Mark Hardin, David Hoskins, Eddie Jones, Bernard Mason, Kevin Smith, Shawn Childers, Jason Keaton, Shawn Smith, Charlie Turner, Kevin Hoskins, and manager Kenneth Shake. Kenneth Jones is boys' track coach.

The girls who went out are Melanie Justice, Joyce Chesser, Jennifer Pearl, Vivian Ayer, Laylah Smith, Mary Beth Davis, Traci Smith, Paula Hester and Kelly Phelps. Meg Stone is the girls' track coach.

Track members warmed up by running 15 minutes the first day, on the second day 20 minutes, third day 25 minutes, and fourth day 30 minutes. This is done to get the team back in shape. It was hot all that first week so the teams really had to work hard.

Once track season was under way, Mr. Jones and Mrs. Stone gave the team time outside of practice so that the team should build up to the distance running. The boys ran for a half-hour in

the morning before breakfast and the girls ran for a half-hour after study hour.

Mr. Jones and Mrs. Stone looked forward to this season and were proud of the team's hard work in the hot sun.

RUNNING IN THE HEAT AT KSB

On September 14, the Kentucky Invitational was held. Tennessee, Missouri, Ohio and Kentucky competed in the first meet of the season in temperatures in the high 90's. Kentucky had nineteen boys and nine girls participating in this tournament.

Ohio's boys took first with 123 points. The Kentucky Wildcats placed second with 105 points. Missouri took third with 88 points. Tennessee took fourth with 54 points. Out of the girls, Paula Hester was the top scorer with 24 points; Laylah Smith scored eight points; Kelly Phelps scored four points; Mary Beth Davis scored nine points; Vivian Ayer scored five points; Joyce Chesser scored thirteen points; Melanie Justice scored three points; Traci Smith scored thirteen points, and Jennifer Pearl scored fifteen points.

The boys had some competition for points and exhibition. The exhibition competitors were Shawn Smith, Shawn Childers, Paul Hubbard and David

Hoskins. The lead point scorer for the boys was Kevin Smith with twenty points. Chris Simmons scoring nineteen points; Mike Cochran scored fifteen points; Mark Hardin scored one point; Johnny Saylor scored seventeen points; Earl Hart scored sixteen points; Jody Smith scored four points; Kenny Vormbrock scored six points; Bernard Mason scored two points, and Bryan Earley scored three points.

The big event of the day was six of Kevin Smith's points were scored when he edged Chris Gannaway [from Missouri] out of first at the very end of the 60 meter dash. That was a surprise victory for Kevin.

WILDCATS COMPETE IN TENNESSEE IN FOUR-WAY MEET

On Saturday, September 28, 1991, the KSB Wildcats went to Tennessee for a track meet. Among the boys' teams, Arkansas placed first with 178 points, followed by Kentucky with 97 points, Tennessee with 60 points and Indiana with 53 points.

Chris Simmons was the top point scorer with twenty points. Kevin Smith scored seventeen points; Bryan Earley scored thirteen points; Kenny Vormbrock scored eighteen points; Mike Cochran scored seventeen points; Earl Hart ten

points; Johnny Saylor scored eighteen points, and Paul Hubbard also competed.

Indiana's girls took first with Kentucky second, Arkansas third and Tennessee fourth. Margaret Mattingly was the top point scorer for the girls. She scored twenty-one points. Laylah Smith scored one point; Mary Beth Davis scored three points; Traci Smith scored five points; Joyce Chesser scored three points; Paula Hester scored eight points; Tabatha Barnes scored eleven points; Jennifer Pearl scored six points; Glenda McCarty scored eight points, and Vivian Ayer ran exhibition.

The weather in Tennessee was comfortable and just right for a track meet. Mr. Jones and Mrs. Stone were proud of this team.

ARKANSAS MEET WAS WARM-UP FOR NCASVH

The Kentucky Wildcats went to Arkansas for a track meet on the fourth and fifth of October. Among the boys' teams, Arkansas was first with 186 points; second place was Missouri with 97 points; third was Kentucky with 64 points, and Kansas placed fourth with 49 points.

The girls' team who placed first was Arkansas; second was Missouri; third was Kentucky, and

fourth was Kansas. The meet held in Arkansas let the Kentucky track team know what their competition would be like in the NCASVH Tournament.

The individual results were as follows: Mike Cochran was the leading point scorer in this meet. He scored seventeen points. Johnny Saylor scored sixteen points; Kevin Smith scored thirteen points; Brian Earley scored eleven points; Earl Hart scored five points; Kenny Vormbrock scored two points, and David Hoskins also competed.

The leading point scorer for the girls was Paula Hester with seventeen points. Tabatha Barnes scored eleven points; Margaret Mattingly scored eleven points; Mary Beth Davis scored nine points; Laylah Smith scored three points; Traci Smith scored fifteen points; Jennifer Pearl scored eight points; Glenda McCarty scored seven points; Kelly Phelps scored six points; Melanie Justice scored four points, and Joyce Chesser and Vivian Ayer were exhibition.

Arkansas was a long drive. Most of the rest the team got was on the bus there and back, but the team enjoyed it.

THE N.C.A.S.V.H. TRACK TOURNAMENT

The Kentucky Wildcats were ready for the big

meet on October 11-12 at Indiana School for the Blind. The KSB boys felt ready for this meet. Arkansas's boys' team won this meet with 278 points. Illinois was second with 133 points. Missouri was third with 121 points. Ohio was fourth with 120 points. Tennessee was fifth with 48 points. Wisconsin was sixth with 32 points. Kentucky was seventh with 31 points. Kansas was eighth with eighteen points. Ninth was Indiana with thirteen points. Tenth was Iowa with three points and eleventh was Minnesota with one point.

The top point scorer in the NCASVH tournament for the Kentucky boys was Johnny Saylor scoring sixteen points. He placed second in the 1600 meter run, fourth in the 600 meter run, fifth in the high jump, sixth in the three consecutive jump, and sixth in the standing triple jump. Mike Cochran scored four points, placing fourth in the shot put. Kevin Smith scored seven points, placing fifth in the 60 meter dash, fifth in shot put, sixth in the running long jump and fifth in the running triple jump. Earl Hart scored four points, placing fourth in the high jump. Kenny Vormbrock, Brian Earley, David Hoskins and Chris Simmons also competed on the Wildcat team.

Mrs. Stone was proud of the KSB girls' performances and fifth place finish. Indiana's girls took top place with 214 points with Arkansas placing second with 191 points. Tennessee was third with 107 points and Kansas

captured fourth place with 67 points. Kentucky's girls tallied 48 points in fifth place. Ohio was sixth with 46 points; Iowa was seventh with 30 points, and Missouri was eighth with 28 points. Illinois scored seven points and Wisconsin scored six points.

The top point scorer was Tabatha Barnes with fourteen points. She placed sixth in the standing triple jump, sixth in the 60 meter dash, third in the 1600 meter run, fourth in the standing long jump, and fifth in the three consecutive jump. Jennifer Pearl scored eight points. She placed fifth in the 600 meter run, fourth in the 1600 meter run and fifth in shot put. Paula Hester scored seven points, placing fifth in the 600 meter run, sixth in standing long jump and fourth in the 800 meter tandem with Mary Beth Davis. Mary also scored six points, placing fifth in the 1600 meter run and fourth in the 800 meter tandem. Glenda McCarty scored six points, placing third in the shot put. Margaret Mattingly scored one point, placing sixth in the 60 meter dash. Joyce Chesser scored one point, placing sixth in the shotput. Traci Smith scored six points, placing third in the 1200 meter run.

Both coaches expressed pride in the efforts and loyalty of the teams as the 1991 track season closed.

TRACK SEASON FROM MY VIEWPOINT

Melanie Justice, Senior
First Year Track Participant

This year was a successful one for both KSB boys and girls track teams. Mrs. Stone (girls' coach) and Mr. Jones (boys' coach) have done a super job coaching and supporting each and every team member in preparation for the many events. The co-captains for the two teams were Earl Hart, Johnny Saylor, and Kevin Smith for the boys and, for the girls, Jennifer Pearl and Paula Hester. They were great in making sure that their teammates were at practices and lending a helping hand when it was needed. Kenneth Shake was the boys' track manager; he was a big help to everyone. The girls had flexible managers during the season; they were Kelly Phelps, Melanie Justice, with help from Monica Kirksey and Tanya Walker.

This year the teams have been able to go on three trips (including the conference) and have hosted the Kentucky Invitational Meet. At the Kentucky Invitational, both our boys' and girls' teams placed second. The first trip was to Tennessee where the boys placed third and the girls placed second. The second trip was to Arkansas; in this meet the boys placed second and the girls placed third. Our final trip was to

Indiana for the NCASVH Conference Tournament. This trip was especially full of fun for the teams, because now they had the chance to win medals and ribbons for what they had worked so hard on this season.

Most of you know, but for those who don't, the NCASVH (North Central Association of Schools for the Visually Handicapped) is a conference of many Midwestern and Southern schools for the blind and visually impaired which supports competition in track and field, wrestling, cheerleading, swimming, forensics, and bowling. Each sports season ends with a tournament, in this case, the NCASVH Track and Field Tournament. In many ways, it is similar to the Olympics, because there are opening ceremonies, a closing banquet, an awards assembly to recognize the athletes and to give out medals, ribbons, and trophies.

Mr. Ron Gasco, the athletic director at the Indiana School for the Blind, was the master of ceremonies for the awards assembly. He recognized each athlete who participated in the NCASVH Tournament, but he especially wanted to put the spotlight on a specific event that he felt was a notable one. That event was the tandem run, a running event, in which someone from Class C division runs as sighted guide with someone from A division. In Mr. Gasco's words, "The tandem run is a marriage between the sighted runner and the nonsighted runner."

KSB had two tandem pairs in this event. Paula Hester and Mary Beth Davis ran for the girls, and Chris Simmons and Kenny Vormbrock ran for the boys.

Overall, this season was enjoyed by all of the people who were involved. This will be a season remembered by the seniors, thought about by the others, and endured by the coaches.





THE CAT'S PAW

CREATIVE WRITING
BY
KSB STUDENTS



Creative Writing by KSB Students

WOULDN'T IT BE NICE
Glenda McCarty

A white blanket of snow, a tree full of lights, a snowman with a pipe in his mouth, a time of sharing with others...

All these things mean that it must be Christmas time. For most this is a very happy time and it is looked forward to every year.

For some it is not a happy time at all. It is a time of desperation and hopelessness. It is just like any other time, looking for food or a place to stay. This year, wouldn't it be nice if the whole world could come together as one and celebrate the birth of the Christ Child?

It would be a very happy time for all people, rich or poor. It could be this way if we all open our hearts and minds, to realize that it could be anyone of us out there on the streets begging for food or out of a job.

Please, let us try to bring Santa Claus everything this year.

ONE STORMY NIGHT
Glenda McCarty

The rain beating down sounding like a steady drum beat.
Thunder rumbling in the background.
It was dark, black as coal.
I was running and not getting anywhere fast.
I kept running and running and it was no use.
Sooner or later they were going to find me.
I can't give up. I have to keep running.
My time is running out. Soon they will find me.
I feel like the whole world is caving around me.
Why does it have to end like this?
I feel alone, doesn't anybody believe me?
This night seems to be going on forever. I wish it would end.
Yes, I am crying. I hate this night and it's closing in on me.
I have to stop and rest. I can't go on much longer.
I feel like I'm a rat in a laboratory experiment.
The rain is coming down faster.
They've got me I'm trapped.
I'll never be free again.
They said I will hurt myself, but all I want is to be free.

WHO AM I? (self-description poems)

BRYAN G. EARLEY

B--Brilliant R--Radical Y--Yelling A--Agitator N-- Nuisance G--Gullible E--Elegance A--Ally R--Rambunctious L--Loving E--Excelling Y--Yellow

MELANIE JUSTICE

M--Marvelous E--Enthusiastic L--Loving A--Anxious N--Nothing but cheerful I--Interesting E--Everything but quiet J--Jeopardizing in some situations U--Understanding S--Sensitive T--Talkative I--Intelligent C--Controversial E---Everlasting faith in myself

TOM SHAFFER

T--Thrifty O--Organized M--Mature S--Sharing H--Headstrong A--Anxious F--Fast-paced F--Friendly E--Eager R--Reliable

RHONDA ROEPER

R--Respectable H--Honest O--Organized N--Nice D--Delightful A--Active R--Responsible O--Outstanding E--Excellent P--Playful E--Enthusiastic R--Remarkable

REGINA MORRIS

R--Responsible E--Excellent G--Giggly I--Improving N--Nice A--Aggressive M--Managing O--Obeying R--Respectable R--Reasonable I--Impressing S--Sweet

EARL HART

E--Extreme A--Aspirant R--Rough L--Leader H--Hallelujah! A--All-out R--Romantic T--Tainted

CHARLIE TURNER

C--Cool H--Heavy A--Awesome R--Radical L--Lively I--Inviting E--Exciting T--Totally rad U--Unbelievable R--Rad N--Nice E--Extraordinary R--Rowdy

ANGIE KATON

A--Artistic N--Not good at cleaning G--Good at writing stories I--Interested in my friends E--Energetic K--Kid at heart A--Animal lover T--Telephone talker O--Oodles of stuffed animals N--Not organized sometimes

MARSH SMITH

M--Money A--Allen R--Reading S--Sneaky H--Helpful S--Silly M--Monkey I--frIends T--TV H--Honey

CHANGE
Earl Hart

The one thing that I would change if I had the power to change something is how our government sees things.

In America, we have so many people who are homeless and digging in garbage cans for something to eat, when our government spends

billions of dollars in foreign aid. I just can't believe that they can let our own people starve and help strangers thousands of miles away. It just doesn't make sense to me.

If I were in charge, I would see that my country came first, then the other countries of the world. I just don't know. I know it's politics, but how do they think we as a people see it? It's almost as if other people, for example, are more important than the poor Americans are. I'm not the only one who sees it this way, I'm sure.

Is there some kind of trade that I don't know about? They're prospering and we, the people of the United States of America, are paying more and more taxes, and, as a country, going deeper and deeper in debt. Someone, please explain!

LIFE
Earl Hart

What is life?
Is it children and a wife?
Is it sadness or alone
Like a dog without a bone?
Is it having to go through life alone?
No one to tell you which way to go,
Life is not to love and live alone.
Life is to live happy
Where each day is like

The pot of gold at the end of each rainbow.

LEARNING TO READ
Joshua Caplinger

In kindergarten, my teacher taught me how to read and write braille. Reading braille was very hard at first. All I thought it was at first was bumps. Then my teacher taught me how to track with lines. We tracked with lines like this Then we tracked with lines almost like that but with breaks. Then I learned to read words like I, can, go, a, and right. Then I read a story called "The Fox and the Hound" which had six lines a page. I didn't like braille at first because it was too complicated. I was learning to read until third grade. Now I read easily and quickly, and I like braille.

LEARNING TO READ
Traci Smith

Children shouldn't be totally bored when learning to read. Reading the same words over and over again would really get aggravating. I can still remember when I was learning to read when I came to school at the age of nine. I read books like GO and DO and YOU, for example. It seemed that there were only about three sentences on a page and practically the same exact sentence on the other pages except the sentences were worded

slightly differently.

Children should be able to do some of their reading for pleasure. They need to read some interesting sentences instead of the same boring book all the time. Young people should be able to read books that are more descriptive than those that just have short words like go, that, or like. To make reading more exciting, authors who are writing the book should try to make them as interesting as possible so that children will enjoy learning to read.

IF I WERE TO WIN ONE MILLION DOLLARS, HOW WOULD IT CHANGE MY LIFESTYLE?

Margaret Mattingly

If I were to win one million dollars, I don't believe that my life would change. I do not believe that I would like people to do everything for me or to think that I was the best thing in the world or that I was better than everyone else.

I believe that since I have done everything for myself since the day I was born, why change it now? I'm a person who cannot stand anyone touching anything that belongs to me. If they do, it makes me very upset and I could never find anything. If I do for myself, then I know exactly where it is. Also when I clean, it would be done

the way I would want it instead of having to go back and do everything the way I would want it.

So, no, I would not be any different with one million dollars, except for the fact that I would be RICH!

WHAT I WOULD DO WITH A MILLION DOLLARS?

Jeremy Stumbo

The first thing I would do is buy my folks the most expensive luxury house I could afford. The second thing I would do is pay all the bills to a certain extent. I would put part of it into schooling somewhat. The rest of the money will split among the whole family.

IF I WON A MILLION DOLLARS

Tabatha Barnes

If I won a million dollar lottery ticket, I think I would have better things, but I would give a lot of the money to charities.

It would be tempting to keep the money all to yourself, but I would try my hardest and not want to indulge in my pleasure of having so much money.

I would not have my good luck put on TV or advertised so that people won't be your friend just because they want something.

I think some people might be happier the way they were before they won the lottery. I think I probably would be.

People these days always pray that they win, but I think people who have less than they do should win a lottery ticket for the million dollars.

DO STRONG MUSICAL LYRICS AFFECT LISTENERS' BEHAVIOR?

Patrick Harris

I can truly say that I am a man who has learned the real power of modern rock and roll, and rap is similar. They are both the power to influence people, but only those who so choose. But I say, rock is powerful, but that power is not evil unless one allows such to pass. Over the world, some accuse rock and the like of leading them to evil. But the truth is only those who are willing to go can be led astray.

Drugs are an evil influence in modern rock. That is both a truth and total falsehood. Rock can be a bad influence, but only if one is weak enough to allow that to happen.

For instance, take all of the accusations placed

on Guns and Roses. Several lads have accused Axle Rose and company of badly influencing them and causing them to become rebellious and violent. It IS possible, but only if the lads allowed that to happen.

Music is an influence, but it cannot cause such acts unless the lads are already leaning that way. Rock is powerful, but not evil...and I like it like that.

THE POWER OF NEGATIVE LYRICS

Melanie Justice

I don't understand why some teenagers listen to this vulgar music with a negative approach to life. There are so many of these listening teenagers now; they listen to this music and become different.

I really believe that this music affects the thinking process of those people who listen to it consistently. I don't think the music would do a whole lot of harm if a person listened to it once, but if a person locks himself in his room and listens to it over and over, the bad messages are pounded and pushed into a person's head. I wouldn't say that a lot of today's crime and violence are due to this music, but I would say that it is worth some investigation.

It is a very fine line between harmful music that warps the brain and an excuse claiming the music made them do the crime in order to get a lesser punishment.

Nevertheless, this music is not worth listening to, in my opinion.

AMERICAN CONCERN WITH DIET AND APPEARANCE

Judith Partin

Americans today are concerned with appearances and diets too much. People do not see the harm they are putting their bodies through when they gain and lose weight so rapidly.

Americans have the idea that if you're not petite or curvy, you're a nobody. People don't realize that it's your personality and not your looks. I would rather be with someone I feel comfortable with than someone who looks good.

People may think you're not hurting your body, but really you are. It may not show right away, but later on in life, you could suffer from a lot of problems. Many people who take fad diets will start starving themselves because they think that is better. This could lead to anorexia or bulemia.

Losing weight too fast is also a problem. The

weight doesn't stay off. You usually gain back more weight than you lost.

Americans should take a look at their innerselves more than their outerselves.



D.W.I. GUILTY\NOT GUILTY?
Tom Shaffer

I think those who drink and drive should be held responsible for all of their actions.

Most people who drink and drive do not realize what they are doing to themselves. People do not usually realize that when they drink, it slows their reflexes down. These people usually decide to drive themselves home. The outcome of this is usually OK, but one out of five times it is not.

One who has a wreck due to drinking and driving usually does not blame his accident on the alcohol. These people drinking should have control over their actions and be mature enough to tell someone that they have had too much to drink and need a ride home.

I myself think that people who drink and drive should be held totally responsible for their actions.

SHOULD THE TOBACCO INDUSTRY BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR THOSE WHO DIE FROM USE OF ITS PRODUCTS?
Bryan Earley

No, I think it should not because the people who buy these products aren't buying because of commercials or advertising, they're buying because they want to, because they think it's cool and adultlike to use these products.

If a person dies from using the product, it's not the company's fault at all. It's the person's fault for continuing use of the product. People just don't believe that smoking takes a minute off your life and that chewing causes mouth cancer.

No, I don't think it's the company's problem. It's yours!

SHOULD THE TOBACCO INDUSTRY BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR A USER'S DEATH?

Tom Shaffer

No, the tobacco industry should not be held responsible for someone's death because they used its products.

A person has control over what he or she does to his body. People have a choice if they want to smoke that pipe, cigar or cigarette. If they want to kill themselves slowly, let them do it. It is their responsibility and no one else's.

It's said that some people know that smoking causes cancer, but they say "I will never get it."

Reality really strikes then when they find out that they have lung cancer a few years later.

With all of the warnings on packages of tobacco products, it seems that even more and more younger aged people are starting to smoke.

Tobacco companies are only into the idea of money making, not the health of people. They do not deliver or put the products into people's hands.

So I feel that the tobacco companies should not be responsible for the deaths of people using their products.

SMOKING RESPONSIBILITY
Patrick Harris

Any person who is a smoker has heard about all the dangers of that habit for a long time. But if we should still choose to smoke, it is our own problem. What I mean is that although we are told again and again to stop, we are still quite free to do as we see fit.

As one who is a smoker, I can say this and be well within my rights. There is absolutely no reason for me to blame any smoking related problem on the people who make my smokes.

In short, I feel that all the fuss about smoking is total hullaballoo.

WHAT ARE MY FEARS FOR THE NEXT TEN YEARS?
Johnny Saylor

The next ten years are scary to think about. I hope to run my own business in roofing. I want to have five men working for me--one to run the tar kettle, one to carry tar, one to mop, and one to set and roll the paper. The fifth man would drive the truck to get the needed material for the job.

The thought of the next ten years passing by and my not being able to accomplish what I want is scary. I am afraid that I might not make it like I want, that I might not even be able to get a good job at all.

I want people to think I am not worthless, that I am capable of making it on my own. I want to be able to support a family. I don't think I could bear having my wife bring money in to support the family and me sitting around.

These are my greatest fears over the next ten years.

MY FEARS FOR THE NEXT TEN YEARS
Judith Partin

I have a few fears for the next ten years. I see how the world is around me now and I don't like

it! I can imagine the next ten years.

Some or my fears include: random killings, drugs, overpopulation of the earth, AIDS, and environmental problems. Today people act as if they don't care about our world or sometimes their own lives! People should think of what they're doing to themselves.

I feel as if everyone is concerned about the things that really aren't important. People think more about their little problems than one such as people having children just for welfare and not really taking care of them.

I really don't want to think about the future. I'm sort of afraid what it may hold. I want to believe things will get better, but since Adam and Eve, it never has.

The next ten years hold a lot. Let's hope it's not worse than it is now.

DO YOU SUPPORT A BAN ON SEMI-AUTOMATIC GUNS?

Timmy Davis

The ban on gun control, I think, is a waste of time and the breaking of a right all citizens have. A ban on guns will be unreasonable because, first, the Fourth Amendment of the Constitution says that people have the right to bear arms. That is

just saying arms, not certain kinds. If they ban certain guns, they will make a demand for them, and people will get the guns anyway. More people will end up getting killed trying to stop the illegal market of the guns. If they ban seventeen round clips, then people will just get bigger clips or twice as many smaller clips.

I think it is unreasonable and that it isn't going to do any good to ban them. It will just make things worse.

STRONGER GUN CONTROL LAWS
Kenneth Shake

I want Congress to vote stronger gun control with a ban on assault-style weapons and 17-round ammunition clips. There are several reasons. Before I get going strong, I would like to say if you are against gun control, don't get mad.

The first reason is all the shootings and mass killings that have taken place over the past four years. The two that pop into my mind are the one at Standard-Graveur in Louisville and the one in Texas at the cafeteria recently. The first was caused by a person on Prozac and the second by a person with a nervous breakdown.

If a state or the country had gun control, the two incidents that happened, wouldn't have happened. Also you can turn to medicine for the

causes, but that is not the issue I am talking about.

I am glad that some states have already included the gun control law in the states. In some states, in order to buy a gun, you have to wait seven days in order for your name to be cleared.

Going back to the shooting incidents, the one just recently has sparked many Congressmen to think about gun control and a law for it. I am glad that the Congressmen are going back to gun control consideration, but I am sad and heart-stricken that it took an accident like that to do it. I wish that back in 1987 many people would've thought about gun control, but they didn't.

In closing, I would like to thank Congress for thinking about a law for gun control.

STRONGER GUN CONTROL
Bryan Earley

Yes, I think we should have stronger control on automatic weapons because so many people end up dead by an AK-47 or an Uzi.

I don't think people need to have such powerful weapons to protect themselves. Another bad thing about these semi-automatic and full automatic hardware is that young kids and teenagers in gangs have these kinds of weapons.

So many people buy automatic machine guns and 17-round clips to put in their homes. Then little kids end up playing with the weapon and they are usually found dead or injured. No one needs these kinds of weapons in homes where little ones end up playing with them and getting hurt by the weapon.

Yes, I agree that there should be a gun control law in this US of A.

